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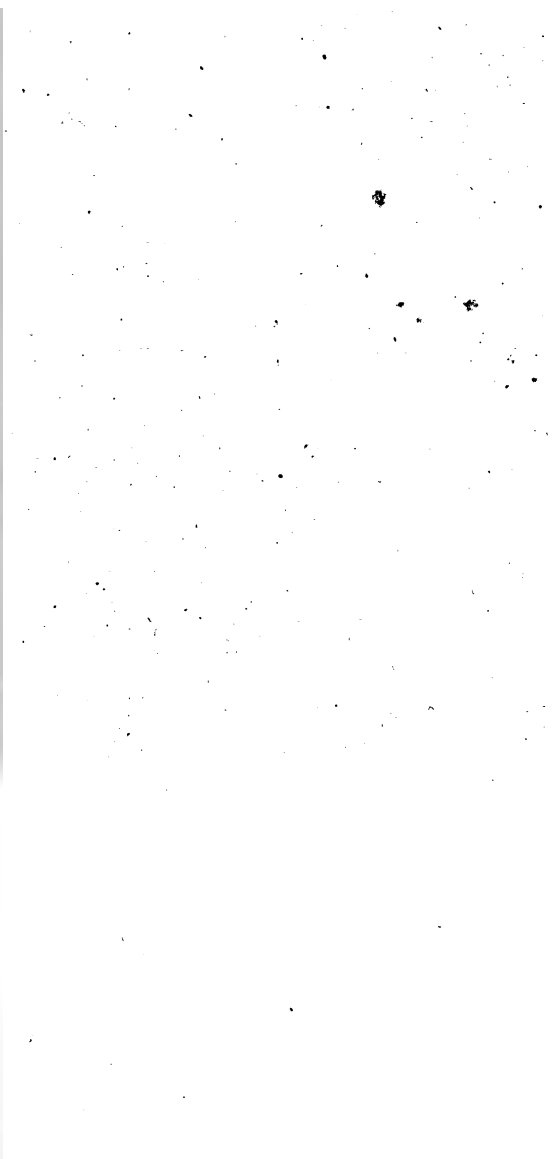
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A LAY OF HERO WORSHIP
AND OTHER POEMS



THE moving accident is not my trade;
To freeze the blood I have no ready arts:
'Tis my delight, alone in summer shade,
To pipe a simple song for thinking hearts.

WORDSWORTH.

A LAY OF HERO WORSHIP

AND OTHER POEMS

BY DAVID HOLT



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AS A TOKEN OF THE DEEPEST ADMIRATION,

TO

PHILIP JAMES BAILEY,

THE AUTHOR OF FESTUS.



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A

LAY OF HERO WORSHIP.

DID ye not hear the nightingale last night
Trilling deep hearted lays of love and sorrow,
As erst she sang on the Pomegranate tree
In fair Verona?—and when now the morn
Hath waken'd o'er the world in radiant smiles,
It is to usher in no common day.
Shines not the Sun?—kissing the brown hill-tops
With lips all golden?—gazing on the earth
With large bright eye like lover on his bride?—
And making the calm lake one sea of gold,
O'er which the white sails wander like faint stars?
He doth:—so bright he shines that ye might deem
The orb sublime the open gate of heaven;
The gate through which the living light of God